Capital investment for KG Basin D6

4385. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised capital investment for KG Basin D6 field has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore, when there was serious charges of Gold Plating of the capital cost and subsequent reduction in profit sharing by Government; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to re-examine the objection raised against the inflated cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Management Committee and the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has approved the revised development plan based upon establishment of additional gas reserves and enhanced gas production submitted by the operator of the Block.

Capital Investment will be approved each year by Management Committee under the annual work programme and budget on realistic basis.

High Court's strictures against ONGC

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras High Court had passed any strictures against ONGC on repeated litigation by the PSU on the issue of absorption of 51 employees as Marine Assistant Radio Operators;

(b) if so, the chronological details of the case; and